

CLAIMS

I claim:

5 1. A computer-implemented method for communicating content intended for delivery to a recipient of an electronic mail message having an attached electronic file, comprising the steps of:

 responsive to an input signal, accessing the attached
10 electronic file;

 obtaining the identity of a remote server computer hosting the content in response to accessing the attached electronic file;

 displaying the content intended for delivery to the recipient of the electronic mail message by using the identity to establish
15 a connection with the remote server computer.

 2. The computer-implemented method of Claim 1, wherein the step of displaying the content intended for delivery to the recipient of the electronic mail message comprises the steps of:

20 launching a browser program;
 providing the browser program with the identity of the remote server computer hosting the content;

 establishing a connection by the browser program with the remote server computer;

25 displaying the content within a viewing window of the browser program.

 3. The computer-implemented method of Claim 1, wherein the remote server hosts a web site containing the content intended for delivery to the recipient of the electronic mail message and the attached electronic file only contains instructions for accessing the content at the web site.
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 4. The computer-implemented method of Claim 1.
35 further comprising the step of displaying a message contained in the attached electronic file in response to receiving the input signal.

5. The computer-implemented method of Claim 4, wherein the step of displaying a message contained in the attached electronic file comprises the steps of:

5 launching a document viewing program;
 displaying the message within a viewing window of
the document viewing program

6. The computer-implemented method of Claim 5, wherein the message of the electronic file attachment comprises a text-based instruction message comprising instructions to aid the recipient's
10 access to the content maintained by the remote server computer.

7. The computer-implemented method of Claim 4, further comprising the step of opening a browser program by launching
15 the file attachment from a viewer program to access the content at the remote server computer in response to JavaScript commands contained in the electronic file attachment.